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THE INFORMATION BELOW IS THE BEST AVAILABLE. SOURCES
ARE RELUCTANT TO FULLY DISCUSS ANCHOVY SPTUATION AT THIS TIME.

1. ACCORDING TO IMARPE, THE EUREKA IN MARCH 1977 INDICATED
THAT ANCHOVY STOCKS WERE NOT AT A LEVEL TO BEGIN FISHING UNTIL
APRIL. BEGINNING APRIL 14, ANCHOVY FISHING WAS AUTHORIZED FROM
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY IN ALL ZONES. EFFECTIVE MAY 6 AT 1200 HOURS,
FISHING IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT IN ZONE FIVE, BY OFFICIAL DECREE.

2. THIS PROHIBITION IS BASED ON RECENT EXPLORATIONS BY IMARPE
AND ITS OBSERVATIONS THAT THE ANCHOVY POPULATION IS AT
A LOW LEVEL. IMARPE REPORTS THAT CLIMATIC AND
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OCEANOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS WERE NOT FAVORABLE AFTER THE
CLOSE OF THE 1976 SEASON FOR THE RENEWING OF ANCHOVIES.
HOWEVER, IT IS HOPED THAT THE ANCHOVIES WILL BEGIN
REPRODUCING TO RENEW POPULATION.

3. ESTIMATED ANCHOVY CATCH JAN 1-18 IS 249,500 TONS,
CATCH APRIL 14-MAY 6 AT APPROXIMATELY 600,000 TONS,

TOTALING 844,000 TONS THUS FAR 1977. FISHMEAL PRODUCTION SAME PERIODS 56,700 AND 130,000 RESPECTIVELY, TOTALING 186,700 TONS FOR 1977 TOTAL SUPPLY FISHMEAL THRU MAY 6 ESTIMATED AT 369,400 TONS, INCLUDING CARRYOVER STOCKS OF ABOUT 183,000 TONS.

4. ACCORDING INFO HERE, EXPORT SALES AND LOCAL CONSUMPTION NEEDS COVERED THRU AUGUST 1977.

5. SOURCES HERE HOPE FISHING CAN RESUME IN SEPT. OR OCT. IMARPE TO CONDUCT ANOTHER EUREKA SOON. ADDITIONAL DATA TO FOLLOW SOONEST.

6. ACCORDING REUTERS, LIMA CABLE DID NOT SAY THAT ANCHOVY FISHING WAS FINISHED FOR 1977.

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